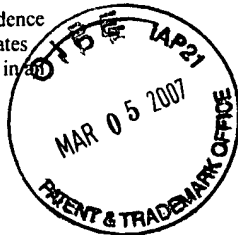


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of 28 November 2006 for the above-captioned application, enclosed is the following:

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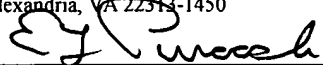
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### AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated 28 November 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.